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LETTER FROM KNOX COUNTY.

The Radicals of Knox Seek a new Moses to lead them out of the Wilderness. The Job included in a Granite Contract. The Pilgrims to be fed on Government Quails and Ring Manna. Speaker Blaine Blesses the Bargain, and Brother Hale Sweetly Approves.

ROCKLAND, August 13, 1872.

The campaign was opened in this city on Saturday evening by the Republicans, by a torch light procession of the Tanner Club. The torches numbered 36 by actual count, of which 17 were carried by men, 16 by boys of from 8 to 15 years of age, and 3 by "colored gentlemen." The procession was greeted by applause by the Democrats, and ridicule and jeers and oaths by the Grantites, and after passing through a single street, slunk into their den, and disappeared.

On Monday the Republican County Convention was held. There had been rumors for a fortnight that a democrat had been bought by the Republicans, who consented to betray his party for the price of the nomination for Senator. The sup-

Vinalhaven, and the announcement that he would not return until after the convention had acted, pointed strongly to him as the guilty individual. Mr. Webster is one of the firm of Bodwell, Web-

and is also the one of the largest owners of stock in the Edgell Granite Company, which with the Dix Island Company, a Ben. Butlers Gloucester Company, Company, compose the largest Granite Ring in the United States, and are and have been for years fattening on their gross contracts with the government. The "Ring" have the N. Y. post office in charge, and also a portion of the new State department; and it is rumored that "Mark" Hartwell, the government inspector at Vinalhaven, assisted by Hale, were able to coerce Webster into creating himself the only Grant democrat in Maine, by hints at an investigating Committee on granite contractors. He felt compelled to concede to their demands and then precipitately fled the State, unable to

The nomination was forced through the convention, although to do so the head of the Hon. Hiram Bliss, Jr., of Washington, was elected to the basket. Hiram has always represented the northern section of the county in the legislature for the past four years, and had been promised the Senatorship as reward for his skillful and successful services against the Cobb Line Co. monopoly last winter. By the way, the Cobb Line Co., and the Ballou Granite Co. are part and parcel of the same monopoly, and their offices being in the same room, and their stock holders being so inextricably mixed, that 'tis impossible to tell whether from which, except by the fact that one monopolizes the lime and the other the granite of Maine.

To furnish a suitable bolt to this newly

For Sheriff Lee Hobbs, the hermit son of Jack of Hope, was nominated against the protests of his town, they being satisfied that he wanted the office for the additional power it would give him over the poor fellows upon whose estates he has most gages. For Treasurer, Editor Sprague, of Free-Press notoriety, was selected, this place being given him to induce his withdrawal from the legislature in favor of an ambitious and rising (and reliable, it is said,) young politician. For Register of Deeds, George Warren White, the present inefficient incumbent was taken, and the

What a reception for Uncle "Moose" Webster! Ye Gods! Wrapped up in the same shirt with Pierce and Hobbs and Sprague and White! What a savory party, what a fragrant banquet! Such a crowd would sink the oldest soldier in the Republican or any other party, but to pile such a quartette upon the back of a bawky green recruit, is to kill him at the start.

In the afternoon commenced the speaking of the campaign. Gov. Noyes, of Ohio, opened with the leading speech, which was replete with stories and kept the audience in good humor. "Jim" Blaine followed in a short speech filled


representations of plain sentences, gliding over those portions that demolish criticism of the whole, and then wickedly distorting the obvious meaning of the garbled remainder—
 "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain I name the Speaker, and that I maintain."
 But he can't practice his little jugglery

"Gone for the heathen Chinee," and the display of "wax on his nails" and the rich contents of the "flowing sleeves" of that dexterous individual is likely to furnish abundant occupation for his peculiar talents in his own home during the remainder of the campaign.

The whole burden of his speech was to prove that the Democratic party was not to be trusted with power, because the Southern unrepentant rebels, with their pardons in their pockets, controlled it, and being still instigated by the devil, would within a month, pay the South \$200,000,000 for their slaves, pension the rebel-

to horrible to mention; but the Republican party which had pardoned these scoundrels, if his statements of their character could be accepted as true, and conferred the right to vote and hold office upon them, was to have another lease of power for the purpose of whipping them again. Now I submit that the logical result of his premises, assuming them to be true, is that

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